

BLUAC Steering Committee
September 8, 2005 Minutes

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 12:07. He introduced Jeff Harris, Planning Director and BJ Grieve, Planner along with Jay and Sandy Whitney. Chairman Averill asked if everyone had seen the minutes and Pat Wagner asked for the correction to change Shelley Wagner to read Shelly Gonzales. It was approved and the minutes were adopted as corrected.

Don Loranger presented a brief report on his first meeting of the BF SC Government sub committee. His committee is moving forward with looking into different means of government and getting more data from various groups and people. Don asked if he could go to the County Commissioners meeting on Sept 15th to ask for their support in forming some sort of joint task force. Don was given a head nod.

Chairman Averill then turned the meeting over to Jeff Harris and asked him to clarify some of the points he made during the last meeting on August 26, 2005. Jeff was concerned because all the communities were trying to get land use plans in by October. He explained the County Growth Policy is an umbrella type of policy and Land use plans have to be consistent with the County Policy. He also stated they don't even know what the growth policy is going to be yet. They identified several hundred issues and are in the process of condensing those into about 7 issue papers to use for a start. They will definitely be using and looking at our survey. The Neighborhood Plans or Land Use Plans will be after the growth policy is in place. He also made a commitment to try and attend some more of our meetings and would be more than willing to work with us, BLUAC, and all groups to have a Land Use Plan that is consistent with the new County Growth Policy. His department will be holding public meetings and taking the growth policy directly to the people by having displays set up at various locations with staff to answer questions and take suggestions. BJ then handed out a Timeline flow chart (see attached) and took peoples email addresses so they can keep informed. A question and answer period then ensued. Pat Wagner asked: < How do you gather information at public meetings when some people are more vocal than others. Jeff replied: We have to walk a fine line, which is part of our job. Julie Cassetta presented Sue Hanson's idea of giving a sheet of paper to those who didn't wish to speak. That idea was warmly received. Clarice Ryan brought up the fact that the Long Range Planning Group has no representation from Bigfork. Jay Whitney brought up the problem with a rezoning in his neighborhood and the Bigfork Stage Road and urging us to attend the County Commissioners Meeting on September 21, 2005. (See attached)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Wagner Acting Secretary